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Arafat said trying to forge new 'eastern front'

By JAY BUSHINSKY
Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is encouraging the Iranian regime to tighten its links with Syria as the first step towards the formation of a new "eastern front" that eventually would include Iraq, and would be capable of pressuring Israel into accepting Palestinian demands, highly-placed sources said.

The current perception in Jerusalem is that Arafat has been using the goodwill he recently garnered with the Iranian leadership as well as his strong links to Iraq to forge a new regional alliance. Its initial objective would be to discourage Turkey from extending its campaign against the Kurdish separatist PKK by seizing large parts of northern Iraq while urging the Turks to revoke their military agreement with Israel.

Referring to a senior Iranian minister's visit to Baghdad last month, the Arabic daily *A-Shark al-Awsat*, published in London, said Syria and Iraq had agreed "that Iraq should return to its natural environment."

Arafat's interest in teaming up with Iran, Iraq and Syria is believed to be motivated by his deep disappointment with the pace of the peace process. Official documents here contrast the PA's former attitude toward Iran, which they describe as having been "strong and aggressive," with the "marked improvement" in its relationship with Tehran since the election of Mohammed Khatami, a relative moderate, as president.

"It is conceivable that Arafat is frustrated by the long crisis in negotiations with Israel," a government document said. The softening on Iran is also intended to affect internal factors, especially the Hamas organization, "in view of the frozen political process," according to the official Israeli perception.

Previously, the PA had pursued "a very strong and aggressive line against Iran," the document contends, accusing it of financing the Islamic organizations, spurring them to act against the PA and Israel, and attack senior PA officers. The PA's leadership was quoted in a Voice of Palestine radio broadcast as having congratulated Iraq and Syria for having launched their current dialogue.

The same broadcast expressed confidence that "Iran will work for the lightening of relations between it and the rest of the Arab states as well as with the Palestinians." Last month Arafat reportedly sent an official letter to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in which he surveyed recent developments concerning the Palestinians and referred to "the Israeli oppression, the Judaization of Jerusalem and the settlements."

The PA's representative in Amman, Omar Khatib, was quoted as saying "Arafat meets regularly with Iraq's ambassador to Jordan during his visits to Amman for the purpose of exchanging views."



Habad followers at yesterday's Tel Aviv rally, under a large picture of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Lubavitcher Rebbe's yahrzeit marked at Messiah-infused rally

By HERB KEINON
"Moshiah, Moshiah, Moshiah, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye, aye," thundered hassidic singer-superstars Avraham Fried and Mordechai Ben-David. "Moshiah, Moshiah, Moshiah" sang back some 7,500 at Tel Aviv's Yad Eliyahu sports arena last night.

The crowd was encouraged by video footage of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, waving his arms and clapping as if he was in the hall, singing along. Three years to the day, by the Jewish calendar, after the death of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, his faithful came to celebrate the man that many thought was — and many think will still be revealed as — the Messiah.

Spokesman Jay Litvin. "As we continue in our longing for the Messiah today, we can't imagine it being anyone other than the rebbe. We may not know when, how or why, but as you project longing for the Messiah, we believe it will be the rebbe." The night was Messiah-infused, from the songs expressing longing for the Messiah, to a sign hanging from the arena's speaker system that read, "Here, now, the Messiah is coming." Outside the hall, one man was selling pens that read, "Long live King Messiah," while another was selling handbags with the slogan, "Together we will prepare for the coming of the Messiah."

Foreign Ministry team to fight Har Homa resolution at UN

By JAY BUSHINSKY
For lack of a duly appointed ambassador to the United Nations, the Foreign Ministry is sending a senior diplomatic team headed by deputy director-general Yitzhak Leor to the world organization's New York headquarters for the impending General Assembly debate on the

Har Homa construction project. Israel's envoy-designate, Dore Gold, has not yet won the requisite cabinet approval because his nomination was not submitted by Foreign Minister David Levy for its consideration to date.

Influential government circles assailed this delay, contending that it deprived the Israeli delegation of leadership and direction at a critical juncture when the PLO and the Arab states are expected to mount a powerful assault against Israel's settlement policy.

Israeli envoy arranges baptism by pope

By LISA PALMERI-BILLIG
ROME — Ziki Farhud, an Israeli-Arab Catholic baby from Shfaram near Nazareth, was baptized by Pope John Paul II himself in his private chapel at 7:30 a.m. yesterday. The unusual ceremony was arranged through the personal intervention of Aharon Lopez, Israel's ambassador to the Holy See.

Ziki got special treatment because his is a special case. His parents, Faraz and Re'nya, lost their first child at the age of six months and a second child before it was born, because of a skin dis-

ease known as epigamalosiboloso. The couple, who are first cousins, are both carriers of this disease and doctors told them they had a 25 percent chance of bearing a third child with the disease. Before conceiving Ziki, they visited St. Peter's in Rome and vowed that if they could give birth to a healthy child, they would have him baptized by the pope. The Farhuds turned to Lopez several months ago, when Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's visit to Rome made them aware of the existence of an Israeli Embassy to the Holy See.

Ne'eman named finance minister

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and LIAT COLLINS
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to present his new cabinet appointments to the Knesset at 4 p.m. today, including the surprise choice, announced yesterday, of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman as finance minister.



Ya'acov Ne'eman

At 11 last night, cabinet secretary Danny Naveh submitted to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon two signed agreements under which coalition chairman Michael Eitan will be appointed science minister and MK Silvan Shalom deputy defense minister. Shalom is to replace Eitan after a year.

Shalom will also be the liaison between the government and the Knesset, Israel Radio reported,

and will be able to sit in on all cabinet meetings, although he will not be allowed to vote. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who was named finance minister-designate 10 days ago, was passed over in the cabinet reshuffle. He refused to give interviews yesterday after briefly commending Ne'eman's appointment.

wanted to present the new cabinet appointments to the Knesset yesterday afternoon, after finally resolving the crisis with Levy and bypassing what Likud sources called "the Sharon land mine." But a new problem surfaced when it appeared both Eitan and Shalom claimed the science portfolio, which MK Ze'ev Begin had given up six months ago.

COMMENT

Terms of endearment

By AMOTZ ASA-EL
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday surprised numerous pundits, politicians and the entire business community, by leaving the Treasury out of Ariel Sharon's reach.

On Sunday night, after Ne'eman's appointment was settled, Eitan had given the Prime Minister's Office the impression he would consider taking the post of deputy finance minister — from which MK David Magen of Geshet resigned a few months ago. Netanyahu called Shalom and informed him that the science portfolio was his.

Levy wins significant concessions from PM

By JAY BUSHINSKY
Foreign Minister David Levy won a signal political victory yesterday by formally redefining his role within the cabinet, as well as the division of governmental authority, precisely along the lines he had demanded from the outset of his showdown with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

It stipulated that foreign policy and security concerns will be the cabinet's exclusive province and no other forum will be set up in its place. The immediate upshot of this will be the dissolution of Netanyahu's "Eitcheb cabinet," in which Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai were consulted on crucial issues and to which National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon was to have been coopted had he become finance minister.

government move forward, but we both have to compromise." Asked whether he would agree to serve as science minister by rotation, Amor replied: "Would you agree to eat half a portion of cous-cous?" Likud sources said that, after helping Netanyahu keep his coalition intact for 10 days and believing the Treasury was his, Sharon now finds himself pushed aside, in addition to not being made a member of the inner security cabinet, as he had demanded.

However, Channel 1 last night reported that Sharon knew of the plans to appoint Ne'eman finance minister and even encouraged him to take the post. Ne'eman's appointment is the culmination of a secret move by the prime minister, which only a handful were privy to. These included Mordechai, Levy, Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri, and Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman.

Ne'eman is not new to the Finance Ministry, where he served as director-general from 1979 to 1981 under finance minister Yigal Hurwitz. There he is remembered mainly for coming up with a system for citizens to inform on those who have foreign capital investments, and for proposing a tax on cash transactions.

COMMENT

with Palestinian leaders and their involvement in the negotiations:

- cabinet secretary Danny Naveh will serve as a member of the team negotiating with the Palestinians and will function "according to the instructions of the foreign minister;"
- all meetings with PA officials dealing with the negotiations that involve a minister or other government official will be coordinated and approved by the foreign minister.
- While these terms effectively compel the cabinet secretary to subordinate himself to Levy, they permit Yitzhak Molcho — the attorney who has been participating in the negotiations as the prime minister's request — to continue as his personal envoy, providing he reports to the prime minister and Levy "before and after" every session.
- The agreement also deals with outstanding domestic issues, specifying that the national budget will be formulated in consultation with Levy's Geshet Party and will relate to social problems. It also calls for the establishment of an inter-ministerial committee to deal with unemployment and to create new job opportunities.
- Other domestic issues include: the institution of a long school day; expansion of urban renewal projects; enlargement of financial assistance to homeless, young couples and single-parent families; and aid to students from development towns and poverty-stricken neighborhoods.



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Burned-out member

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak (right), on a visit to Beit Shemesh yesterday, watches an apparently disenchanted Likud Party member burn his membership card.

(Brian Heidler)

Likud's Sheerit blasts appointment; says Sharon a better choice

By DAVID HARRIS

"Ariel Sharon would have made a very good finance minister," Likud MK and deputy Knesset speaker Meir Sheerit declared yesterday, expressing regret over the handling of the ministerial appointments over the last two weeks. "Sharon was the minister of industry and trade and did a very good job."

Ya'acov Ne'eman will discover the task is particularly difficult for him to perform because he lacks a political power base, Sheerit added. "He may say 'Yes' to everybody," Sheerit continued. "Sharon can say 'No' to everyone, he wouldn't give a damn for anyone as minister of finance and so would take the tight steps for the Israeli economy."

After Ne'eman's appointment to the Treasury was announced, MKs generally expressed their satisfaction. Opposition MKs were largely of the opinion that Ne'eman is far more suited to the Treasury than Sharon, both economically and politically, with coalition members taking the line that Ne'eman has had previous experience at the Treasury, as he served as its director-general in 1979-81.

Avraham Shohat (Labor) - "Ne'eman is far more preferable to Sharon, but at the same time Ne'eman must concentrate on the post of finance minister and remove himself from all his other interests, which he seems to have throughout the country."
Nissim Dahan (Shas) - "I'm pleased with the appointment. It means there don't have to be all sorts of upheavals within the government. He has the experience, but at the same time the Treasury is now a different place, with different work methods. He is an excellent manager and lawyer. With regard to the suggestion that he may transfer funds to small organizations, if he does so it's



Ariel Sharon



Meir Sheerit

not a disaster, because these groups that may have been ignored until today deserve something."
Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) - "It's hard to tell from his [Ne'eman's] short period as Treasury director-general how good he'll be, I just wish him luck. The question is more about diplomatic policy, Israel's standing in the world and the peace process, rather than the more technical issue of how the Treasury is managed. But Ne'eman is more appropriate [than Sharon] because he has greater experience of economics."
Haim Oron (Meretz) - "The discussion surrounding his appointment was entirely based on politics and had nothing at all to do with the serious economic problems facing Israel. I doubt whether Ne'eman, who is though of as a more professional appointee, will be able to progress the economy, given it has been heading for recession for several months under this government."
Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) - "I think it's a good appointment. I'm particularly pleased that Ariel Sharon will remain in his current post as infrastructure minister, because it's a job that demands a person like him and he's begun a

number of important projects that must be completed, such as the work of the Ronen committee [on land reform] and the economic projects with Russia such as the gas.
"With regard to Ne'eman and his track record as director-general, I haven't heard any bad reports and that says a lot."
Abdul Malik Dahamshe (Democratic Arab Party) - "We know that the government is in a crisis, with a lack of confidence between ministers and the prime minister. This leads to all sorts of immediate solutions and this appointment appears to be one of them. This solution brings more quiet to the country's political leadership and less votes of no confidence in it. From an economic perspective the appointment could turn out to be no less good than that of Sharon, after all we know Sharon is not thought of as being the greatest economist, but thinks more about the things he is interested in. This appointment neutralizes this possibility and that's good. I hope Ne'eman [literally 'the true one'] will live up to his name."
Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) - "Ne'eman is appropriate for the job with his wide experience. If you think about it, he's had more experience than his predecessors Dan Meridor and Avraham Shohat. I believe Sharon is more appropriate for the National Infrastructure Ministry, he may have become bored in the Treasury deciding on technicalities about half a tax point. With regard to smaller parties and organizations, I hope Ne'eman will correct existing discrepancies, whether in favor of hardism or any other group."
Benny Elon (Moledet) - "Both from the legal and financial perspectives he is strong. I'm just concerned by all the energy that's been expended in recent days by the government. It's neither proportional nor logical."

Estranged father donates cells to save daughter

By JUDY SIEGEL

A man who had never met his seven-year-old daughter came from abroad to donate life-saving stem cells and save her from leukemia.

When the girl was only two, she suffered leukemia; after being treated with intensive chemotherapy, she went into remission. But after a while, the cancer returned and it was clear she needed a bone-marrow transplant. Since she had no siblings, a suitable donor was sought in bone-marrow registries around the world.

When no match was found, it was decided to use a new technique of taking stem cells from one of her parents, each of whom has a 50 percent tissue match to their child. Special equipment is used to collect stem cells from the blood, giving 10 times as many bone-marrow cells as when they are taken in a bone-marrow transplant and a 95% success rate in overcoming rejection by the patient's immune system.

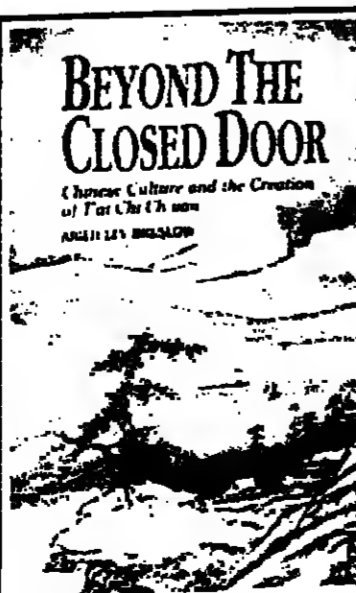
Since the girl came from a single-parent family, the stem cells were initially donated by her mother, but her body rejected them. After great efforts, the hospital doctor located the father abroad and he came two months

ago to donate the stem cells to the daughter he had never met. She spent the time since the procedure in a germ-free room at the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel

(SCMCI) and is now home; coming for treatment at the hospital's oncology department.

The technique for transplanting bone-marrow cells from the blood of a non-identical donor

was developed by Prof. Yair Reiner of the Weizmann Institute and Prof. Rina Zaitsov and colleagues from the SCMCI, with help from Prof. Massimo Mantelli from Europe.



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BACKGROUND

Free-marketeer Ne'eman no stranger to Finance Ministry

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Although the post of finance minister - to which Ya'acov Ne'eman was named yesterday - will be a new one for him, the ministry itself should feel familiar to the man who served as its director-general from 1979-1981.

As a law professor and highly-regarded expert on taxation, Ne'eman first made a name for himself in politics in the late 1970s when he penned the National Religious Party's economic platform. In it, Ne'eman called for greater privatization of state-owned corporations and for decreased government bureaucracy and intervention in the markets.

Ne'eman's chance to join the civil service himself arrived soon after, when Yigal Hurvitz, Menachem Begin's new finance minister, made him his director-general and chief adviser.

Ne'eman's first tenure at the Treasury was a controversial one, marked by the unprecedented influence he brought to his post. Pundits claimed Ne'eman virtually ran the ministry, and that Hurvitz, his nominal boss, made no moves without first consulting him. Unsurprisingly, Ne'eman's power and tactics provoked much criticism - throughout his term in that office, colleagues grumbled publicly that he was dictatorial and short-tempered. Rumors of his dismissal circulated periodically, following a number of instances in which Ne'eman boldly declared new ministry initiatives, only to be later contradicted by an embarrassed Hurvitz.

Yigal Hurvitz resigned from the Treasury in January 1981, a victim of his inability to reduce inflation. Ne'eman, as the author of many of Hurvitz's failed policies, followed soon after. In 1986, the Bejski Committee found him partly to blame for the 1983 bank share collapse.

Ne'eman, 54, is a specialist in corporate, financial, and tax law, and co-authored one of the standard works on the latter subject. He has 15 years of experience as a partner in the prestigious corporate law firm of Herzog-Fox-Ne'eman.

Ne'eman is observant and has for many years been associated with the National Religious Party. In 1979, he authored an economic platform for the party, which called for accelerated sale of state companies, capital market reform, freeing up state land to ease the housing crisis, and canceling taxes on imported building materials - a program which Netanyahu would be happy to implement in its entirety. Like Netanyahu, Ne'eman has also consistently favored lowering income taxes, cutting budgets, reducing the

number of government employees, and reducing bureaucracy.

An area in which Ne'eman is likely to be useful to Netanyahu is in the thorny area of religious-secular relations, since he is trusted by both sides. His sympathy with religious interests runs deep. As far back as 1972, while serving as chairman of Bar-Ilan University's Law School, Ne'eman proposed a bill to give large families certain financial benefits, something which the religious parties have worked ever since to pass, finally succeeding during the last Knesset.

However, Ne'eman also has a proven ability to get along well with secular politicians from every side of the House. Former industry and trade minister Micha Harish appointed him to head a commission on encouraging film production, and former interior minister Uzi Baram (Labor) placed him at the head of a committee investigating financial irregularities in Bnei Brak. This committee ultimately recommended that the city's elected council be replaced by an appointed one until its finances were straightened out.

Ne'eman is also considered an opponent of the judicial activism represented by Supreme Court President Aharon Barak, something which may have contributed to the rejection of his candidacy for a seat on the Supreme Court in 1982. However, the major factor behind his rejection was apparently the fact that, if appointed, he would have brought the number of Orthodox justices up to four out of 12.

Until his recent trial for obstructing justice, which resulted in his acquittal in May, the most serious scandal in Ne'eman's career was his involvement in the Bus 300 affair, in which the General Security Service killed two captured terrorists and then lied about it. Ne'eman helped broker a deal whereby then GSS chief Avraham Shalom and three assistants were given a blanket pardon without even being charged, in exchange for Shalom's resignation.

The deal, which spared the government the necessity of investigating the affair, was made without the knowledge of then attorney-general Yosef Harish, and was sharply criticized by jurists as undermining the rule of law and the office of the attorney-general.

Ne'eman also handled the late Robert Maxwell's business dealings here. However, despite the dubiousness of Maxwell's business practices elsewhere, there has been no suspicion of any irregularities in his Israeli operations.

Ne'eman is married with six children, and lives in the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

Yitzhak renews petition

One year later, Ne'eman returns to government

By HERB KEINON

On June 18, 1996, Ya'acov Ne'eman was sworn in as justice minister. Just over a year later he will be sworn in as finance minister. His road to, from, and then back to the cabinet has indeed been long and winding.

Ne'eman was named a candidate for justice minister soon after the elections, as part of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's declared plan to bring professionals - as opposed to politicians - into some of the top cabinet posts. The other professional he hoped to bring in was Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, as finance minister.

Neither Frenkel's appointment, which was rescinded soon after and given to Dan Meridor, nor Ne'eman's, was particularly successful.

The day after Ne'eman was being sworn in as head of the country's judicial apparatus, *Globes* reporter Yoav Yitzhak petitioned the High Court of Justice to bar the appointment, alleging that Ne'eman had committed a number of criminal actions that should prevent him from holding such a lofty post. The court dismissed most of the allegations, but were troubled by one: that Ne'eman tried to persuade a witness in the trial of Shas MK Aryeh Deri not to cooperate with the police.

In August, then attorney-general Michael Beo-Yair decided to open a criminal investigation against Ne'eman for obstructing justice. Ne'eman resigned the next day, saying that "a public figure who wishes to prove his innocence against such a serious charge must resign, and fight for his honor."

Ne'eman said then that he had faith in Ne'eman's innocence, and would appoint a caretaker minister while keeping the ministry open for Ne'eman's return. Before resigning, Ne'eman launched a blistering attack on Beo-Yair, saying that he was out to stop his appointment from the first day. He also said that some in the State Attorney's Office were opposed to his appointment because he is an observant Jew.

State Attorney Edna Arhel decided to indict Ne'eman in November on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. The case went to trial, and in May the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court acquitted Ne'eman, paving the way for his return to the cabinet - if a place could be found. It took two months to find the place.

"We all suffer tests... I hope and pray that no one [else] ever has to go through the experience of being tried on the grounds of an unfounded indictment," Ne'eman said after the court's decision.

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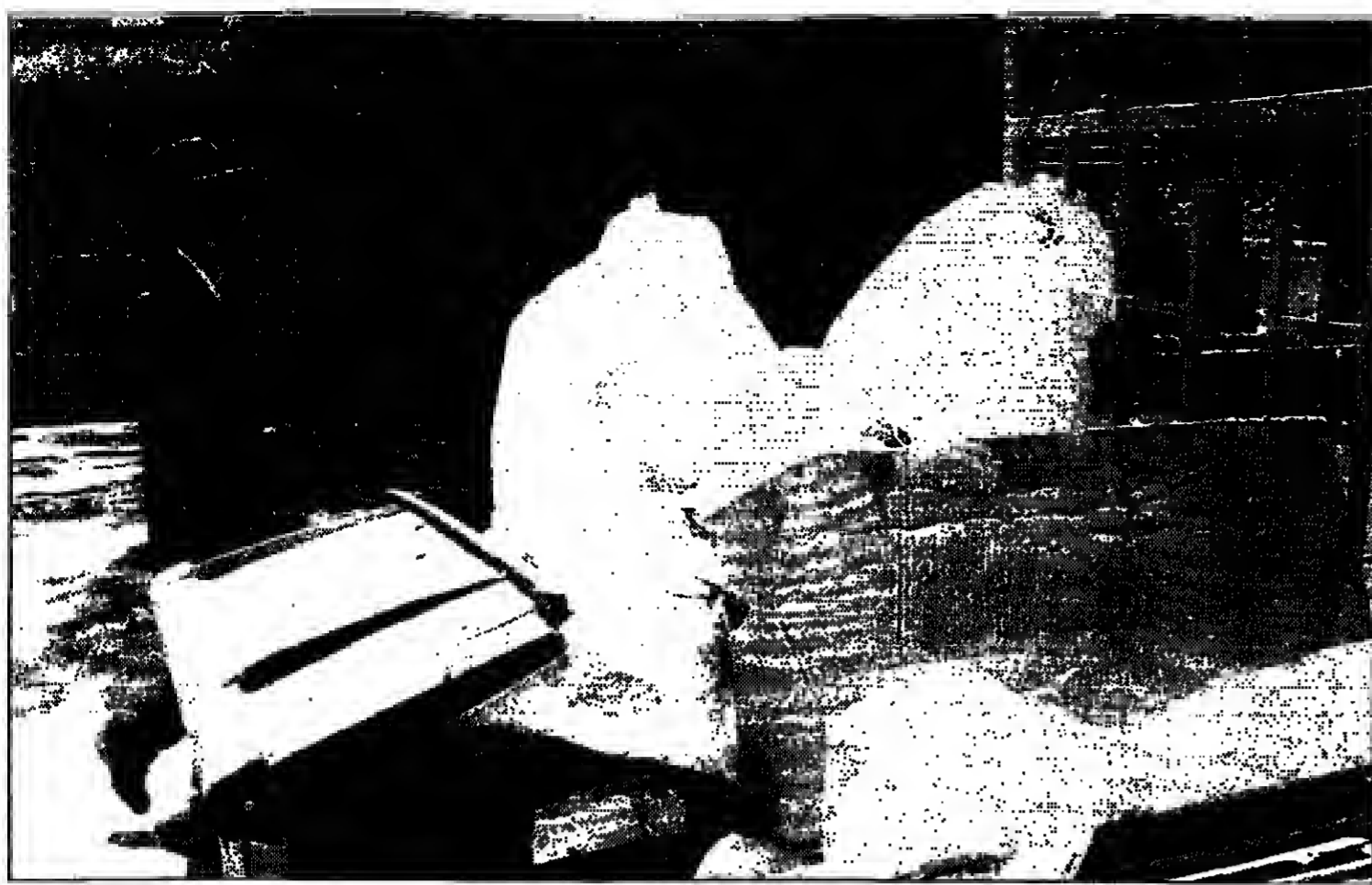
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Settlers applaud Ne'eman appointment

By MARGOT DUKERTIN



Garbage piles up yesterday on Rehov Yehezkel, adjacent to Jerusalem's Mea She'arim neighborhood. (Brian Hurdler)

Capital refuses to collect Mea She'arim garbage

By ELLI WOHLGELERITER

The Jerusalem Municipality has decided to up the ante against demonstrating haredim in the Mea She'arim neighborhood: Garbage bins in the area, which are regularly burned during demonstrations, have been removed, and no garbage will be collected "until the leaders of the neighborhood promise to stop damaging them," the city said.

The dumpsters were removed around 10 p.m. Sunday, after another night of protest against construction being carried out at what the haredim said is a burial site.

"It's been happening about two or three times a week lately," said Phil Levenson, a shift manager at the

Bonkers Bagels branch store on Rehov Mea She'arim.

"I don't know where we're going to put our garbage, that's a good question, we really haven't figured that out yet. We might just put it out here in the corner, where the city will hopefully pick it up. It'll start piling up, but there's not much we can do about it."

Levenson said he was forced to close his store an hour earlier than usual on Sunday, "because what happens is, during demonstrations people tend to run into the store when they're running away from the police. With 50 to 60 people zooming in here, and people getting tripped over, it can cause a lot of problems."

Most of the shop owners on the street feel that both sides are wrong, the haredim for burning the garbage dumpsters and the city for punishing the neighborhood for the actions of a few.

"This is not the way to handle the situation," said a bookstore owner, who refused to be identified. "I don't think that in Rehavia, for example, if they decided to hold a demonstration and damaged property that the city would decide not to collect garbage."

"Everyone thinks that Mea She'arim is outside of the general camp, an attitude of 'let them do whatever they want, they are a different breed, just leave them alone.' But the problem is that whatever

they do affects everybody else, especially those people who have stores here.

"You have to bring in the police and let them take care of it, the way it's supposed to be done, you don't let everybody suffer because a bunch of hoodlums decide they can go and take things into their own hands."

One owner of an art store wasn't worried about the garbage piling up.

"Are you kidding? They have one of their own [Haim Miller, of United Torah Judaism] as deputy mayor — you thing he's going to allow this? He'll bring down the city if they don't pick up the garbage!"

N. African immigrants fighting to reclaim missing birth dates

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Thousands of North African immigrants are waiting for the Interior Ministry and the Jewish Agency to allow them to recover one of their most prized possessions: their birth dates.

According to a report in yesterday's *Ha'aretz*, the immigrants, who came here in the late 1950s, had their passports taken away from them on arrival for fear they would quickly leave Israel for France, where conditions were better. The passports, it emerged, were stored in the Jewish Agency archives, where they remain to this day.

As a result, the immigrants' exact birth dates were never properly registered in their identity cards, or were partially registered, with only the year of birth appearing.

Those seeking to have the full birth dates listed have until now had great difficulty in doing so, since the Interior Ministry insists they provide the original passports still sitting in the agency archive, or a birth certificate from their home countries, which are often extremely difficult to obtain.

Benny Maimon, 57, of Mevasseret Zion, said that when he immigrated in 1957, his passport was taken

away. "The Jewish Agency people told us at the time that they were taking the passports from us so that they could bring in more Jews. They were lying," he said. When he got together with friends at a party recently, he said, "almost half those present had identity cards with only their year of birth listed."

According to the report, there are some 22,500 passports waiting to be claimed. Jewish Agency spokesman Eldad Adar said there were really only about half that number, though he did not downplay the historical wrong done to the immigrants.

"Apparently in those days they had different policies regarding immigrants. If anyone tried to do this today, there would be an outcry," he said. "Nonetheless, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg has given orders to look into the matter, and we are going to check on the legal aspects of this issue and review it with the Interior Ministry. We hope that ultimately, all the passports will be able to be returned to their rightful owners."

The lack of proper registration of their birth dates has caused problems for the immigrants, particularly those approaching pension age. According to the *Ha'aretz* report, there are some whose years of birth

are registered incorrectly, meaning that some already eligible for pensions or National Insurance Institute payments may not be granted these rights for another several years, or until they can prove their real age.

Nissim Tibi, 70, of Moshav Yamuv near Netanya, claims that immigrant documents were taken away even earlier than the 1950s.

"I immigrated as a counselor with the youth aliya from Tunisia in August, 1949," he recalled by phone yesterday. "We came on a collective passport, and when we got to Israel, the Jewish Agency officials took it away. As a result I never had a full listing of my birth date in my identity card. It just says the year, 1927. As a result, when I was supposed to start collecting National Insurance Institute payments in January, 1992, I had to wait about six months before they would start payment."

A National Insurance Institute spokesman said yesterday that in cases when a complete birth date is not listed, NII officials were instructed to begin payment beginning in April of the year listed, "so some immigrants in this situation benefited, too."

An Interior Ministry spokesman was not available for comment last night.

Greek Orthodox-Wakf dispute remains unresolved

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Despite a recent Jordanian report that a solution had been found to the dispute between the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate and the Moslem Wakf in Jerusalem, there is still no solution in sight.

The dispute arises from an incursion by builders, carrying out renovations at the Khanka Salahieh Mosque in the Old City, who annexed two rooms belonging to the Patriarchate. The rooms had been used by the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Diodoros's representative.

in Istanbul, who was away. When officials of the Patriarchate tried to visit the rooms, they found the doorways blocked with cement and the representative's belongings flung into a nearby corridor.

Mosque representatives say the area is part of an ancient mosque.

Metropolitan Timothy, the secretary of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate, said yesterday that the Jordanians had indeed sent a delegation to meet with Diodoros.

"The Jordanian delegation visited his beatitude and stressed the desire of the Jordanians to solve this prob-

lem amicably. We all feel that it should be solved amicably," he said.

The Jordanians had proposed exchanging the two rooms for St. George's Church in Kerak, east of the Dead Sea, he said. The church, he said, had been a place of worship for both Christians and Moslems, but a Jordanian court had ruled that it belonged to the Moslems.

According to Timothy, Diodoros asked the Jordanians to put their offer into writing. So far, he said, the Jordanians had failed to do so.

"The matter is not yet solved. The case is not over yet," Timothy said.

Dan Shilon quits Reshet management

By HELEN KAYE

Popular broadcaster Dan Shilon yesterday resigned his position as co-general manager of the Reshet TV franchise and host of the highly rated Monday and Thursday night talk show on Channel 2, to form his own production company.

Reshet, however, "will have first refusal of everything that we do, including the talk show," said Shilon, intimating that the franchise will very likely continue the program, which has audience ratings of 29%-32%.

Shilon praised his association with Reshet, saying that he came to work daily "with a song in my heart. He commended the company's forward looking and people-oriented policies and said that his resignation was timed to coincide with the "end of the regular season, with enough time to prepare for next season."

The decision to resign, Shilon said, was based partly on the desire to be



Dan Shilon (Sarah Uzely)

relieved of the pressures of his job as a manager and broadcaster and partly on the desire to be independent after years as an employee.

There "is no fiction between me and the Reshet board and there are no secret deals with any other company here or abroad."

Shilon's fellow director, Yohanan Zangen, said that "it has been a privilege to work with one of the central figures in local broadcasting. We are all sorry to see him go."

Channel 2 takes on Treasury

By HELEN KAYE

The Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) has mounted a massive lobbying campaign in the Knesset to prevent Treasury-sponsored legislation that would partially strip the STRA of its fiscal autonomy.

The Knesset Finance Committee is due to meet tomorrow to discuss an amendment to the current Second Authority Law which would obligate STRA to transfer all royalties it receives from its various franchisees to the Treasury. Currently all royalties are funneled to the Treasury through STRA, which reserves a predetermined portion of those royalties for its own use. It also receives all license fees.

"This is a move which is in direct contravention of the principle which established STRA as an autonomous public company functioning within the private sec-

tor, and independent of the public purse," said the STRA Public Council chairman Prof. Gideon Doron at yesterday's press conference. "If the Treasury gets control of our funds, then the authority's flexibility and ability to cover events, especially the news, will be compromised."

Since 1994, STRA has paid the Treasury NIS 33.7 million in royalties out of a total of NIS 86.2m. The estimated royalties for 1997 are NIS 48m, of which only NIS 6m are earmarked for the Treasury. This is because the fees for frequency allocations have gone up from NIS 9m. in 1995 to NIS 10.7m. in 1997 and the satellite link fees have also gone up by NIS 1m. in the last two years.

STRA general manager Nahman Shai has requested a freeze on the issue until Ya'acov Ne'eman is installed as finance minister, but did say that "the Treasury's real aim is to raise the fees the franchisees pay for their licenses to cover the loss of the royalties to STRA."

Responding, the Treasury said "the STRA's suggested budget exceeds the ceiling on expenses determined by the Budget Law. The royalties belong to the state and the STRA cannot withhold them at will."



Caring for survivors

Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller, head of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, visits with residents of the Zahalon Geriatric Center in Jaffa yesterday. The conference covered a third of the \$4.5 million cost of three new departments at the center, which opened this week, to care for Holocaust survivors and other Tel Aviv residents who need residential nursing.

(Text: Judy Siegel, photo: Vera Eizikov)

AT THE KNESSET

Knesset committee protests Olmert's lateness

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday called off a meeting after Jerusalem Mayor and Likud MK Ehud Olmert failed to turn up on time to address it on the Palestinian Authority's activities in Jerusalem. Olmert arrived 20 minutes late, and in the meantime MKs had convinced committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) to cancel the meeting in protest.

Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen complained that Olmert's lateness was an insult to the committee and noted that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy had canceled recent meetings with the committee at the last moment.

Ministry to clamp down on illegal workers' employers

At a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee on foreign workers yesterday, the direc-

tor-general of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, Yigal Ben-Shalom, said the ministry is taking steps to better enforce the relevant regulations among the employers and to impose the highest possible fines. He also said there is a proposal, which has been presented to the state attorney, to make the employment of illegal workers a criminal offense. He said the ministry wants the costs of employing foreign workers to be higher than employing Israelis.

Shmuel Narkiss of the Internal Security Ministry said the main problem is workers who enter legally but stay after their visas expire.

Batya Carmon, head of the Interior Ministry's foreign visa department, and Rafi Cohen, director of the Population Registry, both said the problem is with border control.

Deputy Superintendent Shimon Sharvit, the police officer in charge of Ben-Gurion Airport,

said there trend is to identify in advance illegal workers who are trying to enter as tourists. Some 3,000 people were deported from the airport for this last year.

MKs to meet PA reps in Athens

A group of coalition and opposition MKs is scheduled to fly to Athens tomorrow to meet with senior Palestinian representatives. The meetings will take place over a five-day period.

MK Roman Brofman (Yisrael Ba'aliya), one of the delegates, said the group includes MKs from various parties "who are concerned about the recent developments in the territories and the deadlock in the diplomatic process. I fear the latest developments could — Heaven forbid — bring about an outburst of violence. All dialogue with Arab neighbors is important."

The MKs are from Labor, Yisrael Ba'aliya, the Third Way,

Gesher, Meretz, and Shas.

The trip is being organized by the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, a Tel Aviv-based group.

Elul presents motion to fire Netanyahu

MK Rafi Elul (Labor) yesterday presented the Knesset plenum with his motion, submitted several weeks ago, to remove Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu from his position. The vote will be held at a later date. It requires a majority of 80 MKs to pass. This is the first time an MK has used clause 27 of the Basic Law: The Government, which allows for such a move.

If it were to pass, the premier could be removed without the need to disperse the Knesset. New elections would be held just for the prime minister.

Elul claimed Netanyahu has failed in a number of political and social issues.

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BOOK REVIEW

By ANITA FINKEL

Goddess of dance

GODDESS: Martha Graham's Dancers Remember by Robert Tracy, Littlefield Editions, 323 pp.

Calling a book about Martha Graham "Goddess" rather than the more obvious "Priestess" is attention-grabbing, Graham; the leader of the modern dance movement from the 1930s through the 1960s, never dubbed herself a goddess as Robert Tracy does here. But there is a rationale in his title. His book is a compilation of interviews and reflections about Graham by dancers who worked with her throughout the decades. To these people, Graham was a goddess.



Martha Graham: Letter to the World, 1940.

(Barbara Morgan)

For Cohan, a New Yorker who took the Graham legacy to London, it was love at first exposure, and a sharp perspective on Graham herself. "Martha was able to be everything for you: man, woman, director. She could initiate any movement she gave you as a man. For instance, the meo's movements in 'Letter to the World.' She did them and she looked more male than any of us - stronger, more masculine." The obolous, technically undefined role of the male dancer in the Graham company was a struggle

figures who were basically sex objects." The most controversial male in the Graham repertory was her husband, Erick Hawkins, with whom she eventually feuded. Among the women of Graham's early group, Hawkins - the first male dancer to be eogaged - was hated and resented. "It was very difficult for me," Hawkins sums up. "Martha blacklisted me for I doo't know how many years

Not Page One Macbeth By Sam Orbaum

At first it seemed like much ado about nothing: as Pamela Peled was preparing a lecture on Macbeth, she was struck by the similarities between Duncan's assassination and Yitzhak Rabin's, which had just occurred that day.

'Macbeth tastes power and likes it. He is lucky: the new king did not have to present a government to his voters, or reward his longtime associates.'

Israeli Left ends up pretty much where Duncan's heirs did; Macbeth, and Binyamin Netanyahu, take power. (You have to allow for some literary license here, transmuting Netanyahu into one of the "murdering ministers," which Leah Rabin might like to believe. Peled does not get into that: "Amir didn't want to rule, but cast his vote for the successor.") "Macbeth tastes power and likes it," quoth Peled. "He does not want to be beholden to any former allies. He is lucky: the new king did not have to present a government to his voters, or reward his longtime associates."

Scanners identify voice and eyes

By DAVID E. KALISH

Forgot your bank card? No problem. The automated teller machine plops a camera across your eyeballs to verify your identity. Checking out of work? Just press your palm on the surface, and your hours are clocked.

Identification News, a US-based industry newsletter, "Biometrics is a way to solve that." Demand for the scanning devices, while still small, is growing rapidly. Up to \$25 million in biometric identity devices are expected to be sold this year, up 45 percent from 1996, according to Personal Identification News. That is expected to double by 1999.

Sensor and is testing the technology for use in ATMs in the US, said Tom Drury, president and chief executive of Sensor. An advantage of Sensor over other gadgets is that a person can stand up to a meter away from the camera to be identified, unlike technology that requires people to touch a sensor, such as fingerprint identification systems.

Autistics are communicating in cyberspace

By HARVEY BLUME

Despite the diverse accounts of autism in books like Oliver Sacks's An Anthropologist on Mars: Seven Paradoxical Tales, the prevailing image of the autistic today is probably still that of the rocking child, prone to tantrums and averse to touch, or of an adult like the character Dustin Hoffman played in the movie Rain Man, who can instantaneously multiply large numbers in his head, but cannot connect with other people or take care of himself.

mail forum, "the giving of support involves being with someone, and that's always draining for me. If someone does give me support in person, I will have to spend some time recovering from the experience of receiving that support." Both writers subscribe to Independent Living, a suite of e-mail forums created by and almost exclusively for autistics.

They want to be able to blend in, to pass, and are intently studying the ways of the natives in order to do so. One recent Independent Living discussion, for example, was devoted to figuring out when NTs look into each other's eyes during conversation. The consensus was that the usual thing is to make eye contact when beginning

Pennies from Heaven. Forty-eight years, our readers' pennies have brought heaven on earth to deprived kids throughout the country. From the early days when we collected toys at Hanukka time to the present when The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund is an all-year ongoing way of helping children living in institutions and foster homes.

REVIEWS

in brief

Concerts

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra deserves an unqualified "bravo" for presenting Bartok's masterpiece Duke Bluebeard's Castle in its Subscription Concert No. 8, conducted by Ivan Fischer from Hungary.

The human tragedy of Bluebeard, compelled to renounce his hopeless quest for unconditional love, is described musically in this one-act opera by a mounting sense of menace and horror.

Olli Mustonen's rendition of Grieg's Piano Concerto was different from any previous interpretations of the work that one can recall. This freshness of approach was, however, marred by a lack of spontaneity.

Marsel Mussari's crossover to the classics was not a good idea - her Stabat Mater by Pergolesi was embarrassing.

Festival



Ti-fer: Cajun sounds, British accents

There were fireworks - literally - at the Jacob's Ladder Folk Festival at Gan Hashlosha at the weekend.

The UK-based, five-person Ti-Fer band produced rollicking, footstomping cajun music although their broad British accents somewhat muddled the French dialect in the songs.

The Israelis did not let down the side, either. Yael Deckelbaum, Mouni Arnon and the Montforts, Black Velvet and Celtic Camel all contributed to a great gig.

A possible solution would simply be to schedule fewer sets on the main stage. Acts "relegated" to a day stage would have no reason to be miffed.

Theater

Pie in the sky hasn't lost its appeal and dreams still get broken, says the Beersheba Theater production of Clifford Odets' Awake and Sing.

The Bergers are a working-class Bronx Jewish family who are kept from dire poverty by a grudging handout from wealthy elder brother Morty, deftly characterized by Ami Traub.

Director Rami Danon has adhered scrupulously to the period, thereby underscoring the play's local and contemporary resonance.

The exceptions are Bar-Shavit and Hanna Roth, who plays the mother, Bessie. Bar-Shavit plays old Jacob with a touching desperation, and more genuine feeling than I have seen from him in years.

IN TUNE



For all its popularity here and in Britain, Prodigy fails to live up to its name.

One-chord wonders

By DAVID BRINN

Touted as the one unifying force in the late '90s, bringing techno, rap and rock into a cohesive whole, Prodigy in fact manages to make a shambles of each genre.

Fat of the Land, No. 1 in this week's Tower charts (see box below) has to be one of the vilest, one-dimensional discs released this year. Without a headful of Ecstasy, the album's 10 tracks offer nothing besides jittery trance rhythms providing the base for one-chord songs that compete with each other for the level of boredom they induce.

The only variations are provided by outsiders, with Kula Shaker's Crispin Mills contributing to Narayan and a spirited cover of L7's Fuel My Fire closing the dismal set.

Local heroes here and adored in their native Britain, Liam Howlett and company will not disappoint fans with this one, and will probably convert some tone-deaf rock fans in the process.

FOR a more optimistic take on the future, check out Winston Rock, a 15-track compilation by an organization devoted to the advancement of young Israeli rock bands.

Overseen by local rock guru Yoav Kutner, the compilation has some outstanding songs, provided

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major international label to befriend you; (3) get lots of other famous rap stars to let you lift stuff from their successful songs; (4) even get them to cameo on your debut album, and (5) get a classy production team (Crave/Track Masters) who can compensate for your lack of talent by limitless studio tricks. It's easy!

Well, it was for Allure, whose MTV-ready looks round out this plastic packaged insta-hit that is as transparent as shrink wrap and not nearly as handy.

BROWNSTONE'S second release, Still Climbing, uses some of the same tricks employed by Allure, but with much better results. First, this trio really can sing, and they claim that it took only one song, performed a-cappella, for Brownstone to be signed to MJM Music.

Indeed, with the backing of Michael Jackson, who co-produced their album, theirs is a collection of songs that are a joy to listen to. An interesting mixture by New Orleans-born Mimi, Detroit-born Nicci and Guyana-born Maxee, their versatile voices take turns leading, complimenting and unifying to create an intriguing album. All come from less-than-opulent backgrounds, giving their music a feeling of unpretentiousness.

HEY gals, you too can form a successful rock group! Just follow these easy steps: (1) get a bunch of very attractive women who can say "oooh, oooh baby" in lots of different ways; (2) get the wife of the PR director of a

THE DEBUT single by the young Israeli band Ice Nine (taken from a Kurt Vonnegut novel) is also a breath of power-pop fresh air.

Young Mothers, with its driving beat and jangly guitars, will sound just fine on a transistor radio at the beach this summer, the criterion for any great song.

er Arnon when he finds out that he has raped their sister Tamar. Absalom was a very popular man and although he was eventually defeated in the war between him and his father, King David, the king did not want his son killed.

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The IPO plays Schidlowky's Absalom at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv this Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

Tinseltown's novel approach

By JOHN HORN

The words "literary" and "Hollywood" fit together about as well as "snoble" and "Schwarzenegger" or "sportsmanship" and "boxing."

More noteworthy, Hollywood's major studios are jumping on a literary bandwagon ordinarily steered only by independent companies.

It's never been easy to make a literary novel into a movie, says literary agent Bonnie Nadel. "But it's easier than it used to be."

The boom is not limited to novels. Among the accomplished nonfiction books heading to the screen are John Berendt's Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, Jonathan Harr's A Civil Action, Hunter S. Thompson's Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and Frank McCourt's Angela's Ashes.

There are filmmakers, producers and studio executives interested in telling good stories, says Rob Scheidlinger, whose Omnibus production company is adapting Hooré de Balzac's Cousin Bette for Fox Searchlight.

Given the rash of high-priced underachievers dotting the summer landscape (Speed 2: Cruise

Control, Batman and Robin), the literary work-ups deliver relatively low-cost plots: It's one thing to demolish a Caribbean port or freeze Gotham City, another to film an angst-ridden family quarrel over supper.

Good novels generally yield good scripts - full of the sharply drawn, complicated characters real actors covet and will play for a song.

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Similarly, Peter Carey's Oscar and Lucinda (US opening November 14) is headed by Ralph Fiennes. A Thousand Acres stars Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer and Jennifer Jason Leigh.

Best sellers have built-in movie audiences. They also have built-in movie critics. Many readers of Little Women have an exact picture of how the movie should look.

Either way, Hollywood invariably turns ambiguous, even depressing stories into tidy, upbeat tales. Frumpy characters are played by drop-dead bombshells, dowdy slob by chiseled leading men. (AP)

COMMENT

Storm in a concert hall

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

At the premiere of Stravinsky's Le Sacre du Printemps, in 1913, the audience booed and hissed at the composer. This powerful opus about a primordial tribe offering human sacrifice to the powers of nature was much too harsh for the ears of the audience.

If I were maestro Zubin Mehta, I would have kicked up a storm at the performance of this work on July 3 at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. As soon as the piece opened to the deeply visceral, almost primeval, sounds of this glorious opus, the sound of a cellular phone could be heard in the auditorium.

When will concert goers realize that they behave in a more barbaric way than the ancient tribes who practiced human sacrifice on a daily basis? Cellular phones could be the kiss of death of art on the eve of the next millennium. Maybe they should be confiscated at the entrance to the concert hall and be returned after the performance.

If I were Mehta I would also have been offended by the response of the audience at the end of the evening. After an elec-

trifying concert, in which the orchestra was in superb form and which Mehta conducted in a ravishing and riveting manner, there was nothing more than a short polite applause.

Even Itzhak Perlman's glorious rendition of the Elgar violin concerto, in the first part of the evening, received less than overwhelming applause. He was not even encouraged to play an encore.

What is happening to the Israeli mentality? Are we really so jaded that even the concert-going experience has turned into a very short escape that cannot be extended beyond its relatively short boundaries? Music and art give added value to our society. If we allow our daily stresses to penetrate these sacred minutes at the concert hall, then we will singlehandedly destroy art in general and classical music in particular.

In Europe, music lovers tend to applaud for 15 minutes after each concert. Why can't it be the same here?

After all, the level of performance from Perlman, Mehta and the IPO is one of the highest music lovers can experience. Has it really become that mundane for us? I sincerely hope out, because if it has, there is no point in even entering the concert hall.

King David's lament

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Although 66-year-old Chilean-born Israeli composer Leon Schidlowky is not a great believer in competitions, he was tempted when the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra announced a special competition to celebrate its 60th anniversary.

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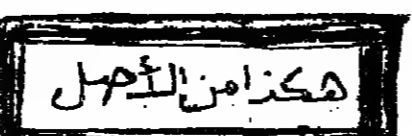
Leon Schidlowky: A big fan of Arnold Schoenberg

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Israeli shares end higher as Mishtanim passes 300

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By DAN GERSTENFELD 1.51 percent higher at 309.47.

Shares rose yesterday, carrying the Mishtanim index above 300 points for the first time ever. The benchmark Mishtanim index of the top 100 shares rose 1.39 percent, or 4.14 points, to 302.77 on all-share turnover of NIS 210 million against NIS 151m. shekels on Sunday. The Maof 25 blue chip index closed

blizing and it seems that the government survived this crisis," said Julian Assouf at Sahar Securities. Halpern said the market was "good but not strong," pointing to low demand in the morning leader and declining turnovers to the NIS 150m. to NIS 170m. level a day this week from NIS 250m. daily two weeks ago.

Koor Industries, the most active share, surged 4.75 percent to 33,159 agrot on volume of NIS 13.1m. Other active shares included Bank Hapoalim which gained 1% to 779 agrot on turnover of NIS 9.4m., and Bank Leumi which rose 1% to 568 agrot on turnover of NIS 7.9m. (Reuters)

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DAX breaks 4,000

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Germany's DAX index surged in late dealings to break the psychologically important 4,000 point level as a firmer dollar and Wall Street gains gave the German market fresh energy as uncertainty evaporated. The DAX-30 index closed at 3,972.84, up 30.31 points, or 0.77%.

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